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SUBJECT: USC TRAVELLERS ASSUALTED AND ROBBED ON PAN-AMERICAN HIGHWAY

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1. NAMES FOR DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION ONLY. MR. AND MRS. DAVID HALE, RETURNING TO HOUSTON IN THEIR CAMPER AFTER VACATION IN COSTA RICA, WERE BEATEN, ROBBED, AND MRS. HALE ASSAULTED, BY FIVE MEN ON JUNE 26. COUPLE HAD STOPPED TO EAT ALONGSIDE PAN AMERICAN HIGHWAY ABOUT 35 KILOMETERS NORTH OF MANAGUA WHEN ATTACKED AT ABOUT 2200 HOURS. POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING. EMBASSY PERSONNEL ASSISTED COUPLE OVER WEEKEND, AND THEY CONTINUED JOURNEY MORNING OF JUNE 30.

2. THIS IS THIRD INCIDENT OF THIS TYPE WITHIN FOUR MONTHS ALONG MAIN HIGHWAYS. ALTHOUGH UNFORTUNATE, TRAVELLERS MUST BE WARNED OF DANGERS OF TRAVELLING THROUGH THIS COUNTRY, AND PERHAPS OTHER ADDRESSEE COUNTRIES ALSO, AT NIGHT AND PARTICULARLY OF DANGER OF STOPPING IN SPARSELY POPULATED AREAS TO EAT OR CAMP.
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